

REMARKS

A. The Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0109879 to Lin Wing So (“So”). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Each of claims 1-56 include the feature of the establishment of a backward Label Switched Path (“LSP”). In contrast, So does not disclose the establishment of LSPs. While So mentions LSPs, there is no discussion of how an LSP is established, much less the establishment of an LSP through the use of path request and reservation messages as in claims 1-56.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, because So does not disclose each and every feature of the claims 1-56 it cannot anticipate these claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of claims 1-56.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin, Esq. at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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